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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

DISTRICT OF OREGON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

3:23-cv-00453-MO

Plaintiff,

v.

UNOPPOSED MOTION TO STAY PROCEEDINGS

\$396,172.61 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM FOUR (4) JP MORGAN CHASE BANK ACCOUNTS;

ALL FUNDS CONTAINED WITHIN SIX (6) CHARLES SCHWAB BROKERAGE ACCOUNTS;

ONE 2022 TESLA MODEL Y, VIN 7SAYGDEE3NF315820, ITS TOOLS AND APPURTENANCES; and

FIVE (5) REAL PROPERTIES WITH BUILDINGS, APPURTENANCES, AND IMPROVEMENTS, in rem,

Defendants.

The government hereby moves this court, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(1), to stay all further proceedings in this case pending resolution of the criminal investigation related to the seizure of all defendants, *in rem*, and the Claimant, Nicole Shelby Randall.

Pursuant to Local Rule 7-1(a), counsel for the government has contacted Daniel Grande,

attorney for the sole claimant, Nicole Shelby Randall, in this civil forfeiture matter. Ms. Randall

filed a claim and answer in this matter, and she has no objection to the requested stay. (ECF Nos. 9,

12).

There is a pending criminal investigation that is directly related to the forfeiture allegations

in this case and to Ms. Randall. A stay is therefore necessary while the criminal investigation is

ongoing, as civil discovery would adversely affect the government's ability to conduct the related

criminal investigation. Mr. Grande has similarly confirmed that Ms. Randall does not yet wish to

engage in discovery at this time given the related criminal investigation, as it could burden her

right against self-incrimination as contemplated in 18 U.S.C. § 981(g)(2). Because the criminal

investigation may take some time to resolve, the government proposes filing a status report with

this Court on May 2, 2024 (approximately six months).

DATED: November 2, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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